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Applicant: Western Area Power Administration

Project Name: Blythe-Headgate Rock 161 kV Transmission Line Structure Replacement and Black Point Mesa Reroute

Receiving Water: Colorado River, Vidal Wash and other unnamed ephemeral wash tributaries

Location: The 161 kV transmission line extends from Headgate Rock Substation near Parker, Arizona (34° 09' 40" N. Latitude, 114° 16' 38" W. Longitude) to Blythe Substation in Blythe, California (33° 06' 40" N. Latitude, 114° 40' 51" W. Longitude)

Project Description: The Applicant specified that the existing transmission line structure from Blythe to Headgate Rock is over 50 years old. The Applicant proposes to replace these structures to ensure the safety and reliability of the transmission line. The project will consist of the replacement of wood poles with steel poles, removal of wood poles to a depth of 2 feet below ground surface, construct pads for equipment, and minor improvements to access roads for construction equipment. The Applicant specified that all wash areas temporarily disturbed would be regraded to match the pre-construction contour of the wash to the extent possible. The proposed project is located on Tribal and non-Tribal lands. The existing transmission line will be rerouted at Black Point Mesa to avoid an area with significant cultural values to Tribes.

Action: Pending

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